

Hilsman or Bundy Seen Filling Harriman Post

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Roger Hilsman and William Bundy were reported today to be the leading White House candidates for chief of the State Department's Far East Bureau, the job being vacated by Averell Harriman when he becomes Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs.

Mr. Hilsman is director of intelligence and research in the State Department and reportedly the top choice of both President Kennedy and Mr. Harriman.

Mr. Bundy is No. 2 man to Paul Nitze in the Defense Department's Bureau of International Security Affairs.

Mr. Bundy, 43, is the younger brother of McGeorge Bundy, the President's special assistant for national security affairs.

Chain of Vacancies

A chain of vacancies is opening up in the Defense and State Departments with the retirement of Roswell Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the transfer of George McGhee, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs to an ambassadorial post, probably in Germany.

The President announced yesterday that Mr. Harriman, 71, the present Assistant Secretary of State for Far East Affairs, is being promoted to Mr. McGhee's job.

Mr. Nitze, Assistant Secre-

tary of Defense for International Security Affairs, is considered one of the principal candidates for the No. 2 Defense Department position expected to be vacated later this year by Mr. Gilpatric.

Candidate for 2 Posts

Defense Secretary McNamara, however, is reported to be lukewarm to the idea of having Mr. Nitze as his right-hand man.

William Bundy is a candidate not only for the State Department's Far East job, but also for Mr. Nitze's post if the latter is promoted.

Another candidate for one of the Defense Department jobs opening up is John McNaughton, 45, now general counsel for the Defense Department.

Mr. Hilsman, 43, is a favorite trouble shooter for President Kennedy and a specialist in guerrilla warfare. He has headed two presidential fact-finding missions to South Vietnam and also was a leading

participant in the assessment of India's needs after Communist China's invasion last October.

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